

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division OF Environmental Protection
333 W. Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT UPON A DRAFT WRITTEN DETERMINATION
FOR THE HAZARDOUS WASTE BATTERY RECYCLING**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is requesting public comment upon the DRAFT WRITTEN DETERMINATION (WD) for a hazardous waste battery recycling facility (BRF) owned by the US Department of Navy and operated by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Hawthorne Detachment (NUWC). This facility is located within the Hawthorne Army Depot, Main Base (EPA ID# NV1210090006) in Hawthorne, Nevada.

The WRITTEN DETERMINATION when issued would recognize NUWC as a facility for the recycling of hazardous waste in accordance with NAC 444.8455.

The facility will recycle batteries classified as hazardous waste. The BRF is not a commercial site, nor does the BRF accept batteries from sources outside US Government control. Processing of batteries at NUWC is limited to batteries having economically significant quantities of base and/or precious metals (e.g., mercury and/or silver) that have readily available markets located within the continental United States.

The public is invited to submit written comments on this DRAFT WRITTEN DETERMINATION to the following NDEP contact person during the 45-day comment period ending **October 7, 2002:**

Mr. Jeff Denison, P.E.
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851
(775) 687-9465
E-mail: jdenison@ndep.state.nv.us

NUWC contact person is:

Mr. John Nester
Site Manager, NUWC Detachment
Hawthorne Army Depot
Building 104-14, Post 7
Hawthorne, NV 89415
(775) 945-7210

The application submitted by NUWC for the WRITTEN DETERMINATION is available for public review between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the NDEP address above. Further information may be obtained by calling Jeff Denison at (775) 687-9465 or e-mail at

jdenison@ndep.state.nv.us

Anyone wishing to submit comments on this DRAFT WRITTEN DETERMINATION should do so in writing on or before **October 7, 2002** to NDEP at the Carson City address above. An extension of the 45-day comment period may be granted if the request for the extension adequately explains why more time is required to prepare comments.

All comments will be addressed in the Administrative Record. A final decision to issue or not issue the WRITTEN DETERMINATION will be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has delivered written comments or requested to be on the facility mailing list. The decision will become effective 30 days from the date of issuance unless:

1. A later effective date is specified in the decision; or
2. There is an appeal of the Administrator's decision to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to NRS 445.274; or
3. There are no comments, in which case the final decision shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you believe would be interested in this matter.

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